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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-31-51

WEATHER Fair and cold weather prevailed during the week, except for rather mild weather Saturday and Sunday, turning cold again Sunday night, except a little light snow at a few extreme western and north-central stations.

CROPS Low temperatures have checked spoilage of ear corn in proper storage. However, there were a few reports of continued spoilage. Where corn with a high moisture content was not stored properly, it was reported by one county as a rotted mass in the center of the pile or crib and that sub-zero temperatures had not stopped the rotting. Generally, there is much less anxiety over corn since cold weather set in.

Most reports on winter wheat are favorable but there is some complaint where snow was light and where it blew off the fields. There is an increasing interest in seed oats. Some tests have shown poor germination. There may be an increased interest in oats in order to get early grain feed because of the rapidly disappearing corn, much of which is not expected to keep after warm weather next spring.

Reports indicate that the grain supply is generally ample except in a few western and southern counties and very few counties are showing a surplus. Concentrates are generally ample except in some western counties. A few western counties report a shortage of hay and forage and most reports show an ample supply but no surplus. Range is ample where it is accessible and not covered by snow.

LIVESTOCK Cold weather for the past month has made inroads on the hay supply.

Feeding started earlier than usual. Snow and cold weather closed the range and stock fields. There is a demand for good quality hay and some report an advance in price. Some of the soft unhusked corn fields will be used for pasture by stock cattle.

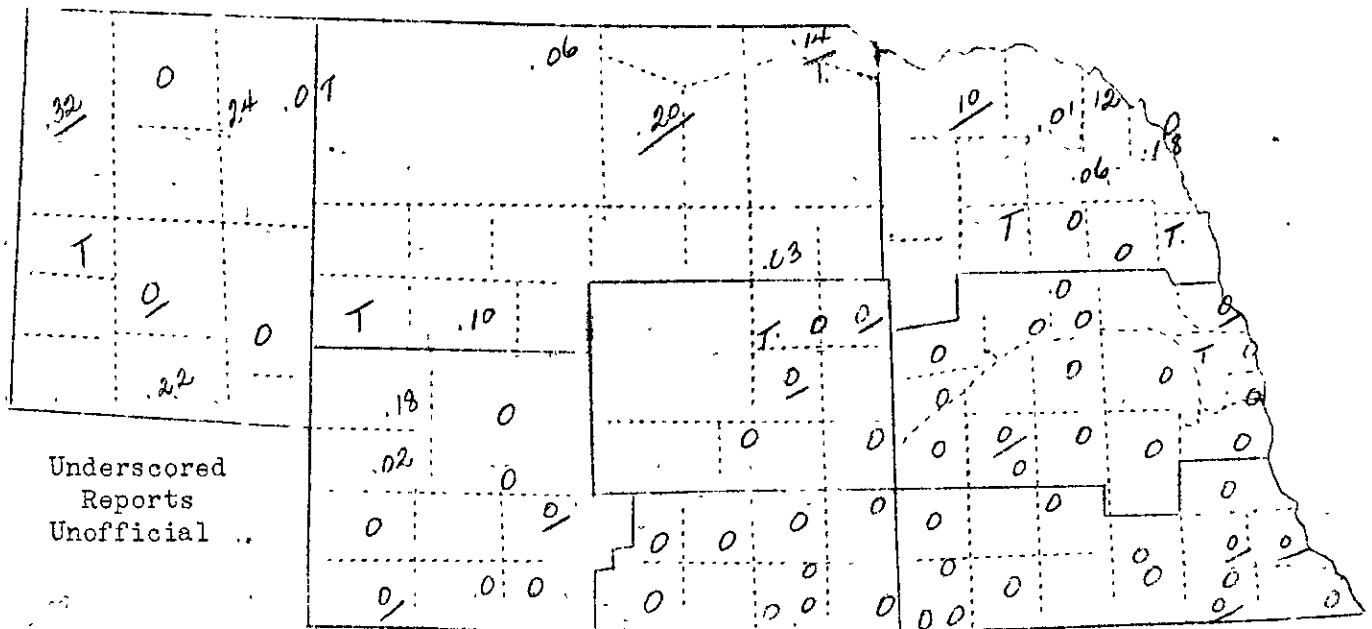
Some reports indicate further decrease in spring farrowings because of the unfavorable hog-corn ratio and the impending shortage of corn. There is very little demand for feeder pigs. Some reports indicate that reduced price of feeder cattle may stimulate more feeding of soft corn. Reports from the range area indicate that the rapidly disappearing hay supplies may bring about some liquidation of cattle and check restocking. A few report that the cotton cake supply is short.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	Lexington	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	North Platte	0	Scottsbluff	.22
Omaha	0	Valentine	.06	Sidney	.22
Sioux City	.22				

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending December 28, 1951



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		Dec. 25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	26	-10	27	-5	—	14	34	17	47	27	40	36	45	1
	Scottsbluff	27	6	30	10	28	13	42	27	57	33	46	30	41	6
	Sidney	26	8	32	5	25	13	50	26	53	34	41	32	42	8
N-C	Burwell	18	0	—	—	19	1	28	11	41	24	41	29	43	9
	Valentine	17	12	22	-1	19	7	25	12	—	—	38	32	39	0
NE	Norfolk	15	3	17	1	15	-6	23	13	30	16	42	26	40	15
	Sioux City	16	7	19	-4	12	-17	16	7	22	—	42	31	39	22
Cen.	Grand Island	17	4	25	5	23	4	29	17	38	28	48	26	43	17
	Lexington	19	9	36	7	27	6	37	12	55	25	50	23	50	12
E-C	Lincoln	17	12	20	8	21	-3	30	24	32	25	44	23	43	26
	Omaha	17	12	20	-1	16	-6	22	16	35	19	41	28	39	31
SW	Imperial	20	10	39	11	28	11	41	—	55	29	47	29	49	14
	North Platte	20	11	33	9	27	11	34	16	51	28	44	26	51	11

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